APPROVED TEXT-BOOKS—MAINTENANCE OF QUALITY

256. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have the Government taken in the matter of the violation of the undertaking by the publishers of text-books to maintain the quality of the text-books sold to pupils on the same level as that of the books supplied to the Text Book Committee?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The complaint was with regard to one book—Sahitya Bodhini. The present edition of this book was ordered to be sold at a considerably reduced price, *viz.* 25 per cent less.

RUBBER TYRES—RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT

257. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted in the editorial pages of the "Madras Mail", dated 20th November 1939 that rubber tyres manufactured in India have to be removed if a car is to be exported out of India;

(*b*) whether this system will not seriously affect the rubber industry in the State;

(*c*) whether the Government be pleased to move the Government of India to set right such practices which threaten the rubber industry in the State?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This will not affect the rubber industry in the State as rubber goods are not manufactured here.

(*c*) In view of the answer to (*b*) there is no necessity to move the Government of India.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It will undoubtedly affect the rubber industry. I do not mean factory industry. I may be allowed to point out to the Government that the price of rubber produced in India will be affected and Cochin State being a part of India will also be affected if such things take place. So the matter may be brought before the notice of the Government of India.

Mr. J. H. Walmesly *(Nominated):* If a person wishes to export rubber he must have a quota for it, and I do not know how the difficulty pointed out by Mr. C. V. Iyyu arises in the matter of export of rubber.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The article in the Madras Mail was this. When rubber tyres manufactured in India are used for a motor car which is to be taken out of India, the tyres have to be removed because there is no quota for that rubber used for the manufacture of that tyre. I request that the Government of India may be addressed in the matter.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is this article an official communication?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is an article for public information.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there any car exported from India?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

ERNAKULAM DRAINAGE SCHEME—COMPLETION OF

258. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the scheme for the drainage of Ernakulam has been completed, and also the nature of the suggestions made by the Executive Engineer in the Public Health Department of the Madras Government?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The drainage scheme has not been completed. It is being prepared by the Executive Engineer in the Public Health Department of the Government of Madras.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know when the preparation was begun?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is it expected to be completed soon?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It may be completed shortly. I cannot say when.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether it will be completed in the course of two years?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I may say for the information of the House that it will be completed much earlier than that.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know, whether any money is spent on that?

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